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10 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing Note on DOD Reconnaissance Items
for Special Group Meeting, 11 July 1963

1. This memorandum is for the information of the
Director of Central Intelligence.

2. The meeting between Chief, JRC and Messrs. Johnson
and Scott of the State Department on the afternoon of 3 July (we under-
stand from Mr. Thomas Parrott) eliminated some misunderstandings.

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a. That [REDACTED] flights had not, as

it appeared from the book, been greatly increased in the month
of July. The flight charts had been omitted from the book

because they were standard in pattern and were considered by 25X1A

JRC not to be sensitive at all. No objection to proceeding.

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b. That two of the [REDACTED] flights, [REDACTED]

are overt with filed flight patterns and one of them, [REDACTED]

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is covert. [REDACTED] may proceed. We favor the

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planned change of altitude in [REDACTED] since it is likely to

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create a greater air defense reaction than routine flights at

cruise altitudes. However, this will be held up until after the

Harriman mission to Moscow.

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c. [REDACTED] are both planned to approach within about 15 miles of the [REDACTED] for reconnaissance of two

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[REDACTED] The objectives are of importance to the O Program and should be supported. These may proceed without waiting on the Harriman mission.

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d. [REDACTED] The

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3 July meeting agreed to hold until after the Harriman mission.

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3. Operation [REDACTED] (see attached memorandum handed

by [REDACTED] to Mr. Scott of INR, State Department)

There are two rules of engagement governing U.S. participation in

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a. No harassment (dictionary definition we are advised), and

b. Do not go below 2,000 feet.

It is recognized that we cannot predict exactly when the summer exercises will take place in the Northern Atlantic (North of England and West of Norway). The intelligence requirements can only be met by surveillance when those exercises are being carried out. Accordingly, it is impossible to accommodate the requirements by awaiting some moment such as when the Harriman mission is completed.

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4. Recommendation: We would recommend that the surveillance proceed when the exercises begin.

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Attachment: (On original only)

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